

Appln. No. 10/650,662

Amendment in Reply to the Final Office action dated Oct. 20, 2005

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

#### Listing of claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended): For use with a marine terminal crane at a dockside pier, a system for transferring loaded containers to a ship alongside of said dockside pier by use of motorized vehicles, comprising: a platform positioned on the dockside pier in underlying relation to the crane onto which each of the containers is transported by one of the motorized vehicles; reception means tables on the platform for receiving each onto which of the vehicles with the container thereon are received in said underlying relation to the crane at the dockside pier; positioning actuator means for displacement of each of the reception tables ~~means on the platform~~ relative to the crane in two 90° related directions relative to the platform; and sensing means mounted on the platform for ~~locationally detecting~~ locational detection of movement of the containers on the vehicles relative to the crane and ~~directionally~~ controlling said displacement of the reception tables ~~means~~ with the containers thereon ~~by positioning~~ into operative alignment ~~below~~ with the crane therebelow to accommodate said transferring of the containers by the crane from the reception means on the platform to the ship.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The system as defined in claim 1, including: a wheeled frame on which the reception tables are ~~means is~~ mounted; and ramp means hingedly connected to the frame for drive on of the vehicles with the container onto the platform and departure with the containers unloaded therefrom.

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Claim 3 (Currently amended): The system as defined in claim 2, wherein said positioning means includes: pairs of ball screw drive devices connected to the reception tables means to impart said displacement thereto in the two 90° related directions.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The system as defined in claim 3, wherein said sensing means includes: laterally spaced pairs of support plates fixed to the wheeled frame; and sensor elements mounted on said plates and interconnected to form a sensing grid operatively connected to the ball screw drive devices through which said locational detection of said movement of the containers is effected.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The system as defined in claim 1, wherein said sensing means includes: laterally spaced pairs of support plates; and sensor elements mounted on said plates and interconnected to form a sensing grid through which said locational detection of said movement of the container is effected.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The system as defined in claim 1, wherein said positioning means includes: pairs of ball screw drive devices connected to the reception tables means to impart said displacement thereto in the two 90° related directions.

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Claim 7 (Currently amended): The system as defined in claim 6, wherein said sensing means includes: laterally spaced pairs of support plates; and sensor elements mounted on said plates and interconnected to form a sensing grid connected to the ball screw drive devices through which said locational detection of said movement of the containers is effected.